GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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GUIDELINES FOR MEDIA COVERAGE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government and press council of India have issued or proposes to issue guidelines regarding media coverage of security/terror related operations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any suggestions have been received by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, he details and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
(COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.))

(a) & (b): The Press Council of India (PCI) has under its 'Norms for Journalistic Conduct' issued general guidelines in the case 'Coverage of Handouts of Militants/ Terrorist-Guiding Principles-1991-1992. Details are available on PCI's website at www.presscouncil.nic.in.

c) & (d) The Ministry has received a proposal from the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding bringing out amendments in the extant laws to prohibit live media coverage of counter terrorism operations by security forces. Policies are dynamic in nature which may be reviewed from time to time.